Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* How many were there at the time of the assumption of management?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I think it is about nine.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I think there was three in the dancing section.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* These three have not disappeared into thin air, but have been transferred to other institutions.

I do not reply to all the detailed criticisms. The main point I think deserves very serious consideration and that is whether the Government is the proper body to manage an institution like this. Whatever might have been the propriety or the wisdom of the Government which took up the management of this institution, to-day the position is different. It has become a trust. Government has to see that it is properly administered and the work that has to be performed by the staff is actually performed by the staff conscientiously. With a view to achieve this purpose, Government have under consideration the constitution of a proper committee composed of experts. I am quite certain that the Hon'ble Member does not want that the funds should be administered by the committe. The actual constitution of the committee and the question of selecting a proper personnel for the committee and framing proper rules to protect them in the discharge of their duties is now receiving the anxious consideration of the Government and it is our hope that in the course of this year the institution will be placed on better footing and the actual academic part of it will be in the hands of an expert committee. As regards the finances, Government feel that whatever might have been the wisdom or otherwise in their assuming management, now it has become a public trust and it is their business to see that the funds are honestly administered. This enormous deficit is the result, partly because the assets of this institution could be realised only in instalments and before they are invested they have to lie idle in the Treasury. A great part of it bears no interest. Arrangements are being made to invest them. I am quite confident that in future Government may not have to meet such enormous deficit. I do not know whether at this stage I should go into the details of the committee or the rules that have been framed and I am confident that the Hon'ble Members will realise that it is quite unnecessary. Government themselves realise that they are not the best body to look into the academic state of the institution and they feel that an expert body will be quite welcome. They are taking steps to constitute such a one.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am very gratified to the way in which the reply is given. Perhaps this is the first time that we find from the reply of the Government members that we have a response that is contained in the mind. In the light of the observations made by the Hon'ble Member for Education I do not think any reply is called for except for the local patriotism exhibited by my friend on the left and the incapacity of the Hon'ble Member for Education to conduct a school of arts or such thing. It is supposed it will come before the expert committee that is now under contemplation to run the academic state of the business and therefore I do not wish to reply to my friend Mr. Iyyu. I beg leave to withdraw the cut motion.

Cut motion by leave withdrawn

Demand put and carried

83. Rs. 21,700 "under 29—A—Civil Engineering—Buildings Original"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 21,700 under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Buildings Original". This amount is required for the construction of a cattle-stall in the Central Farm. The number of animals in the farm has increased this year and is to accommodate them. I request that this House will be pleased to sanction this grant.

Demand put and carried

84. Rs. 5,550 under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Communication—Repairs"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer):* I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 5,550 under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Communication—Repairs". This amount is required for the strengthening of the bridges and culverts on the Chalakkudi—Vaniampara Roads and I request the house to grant this amount.

Demand put and carried

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